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ALEX. ROSS & CO. (CHINA) LTD

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1924.

日七十月二十年亥癸次國年二十國民華中, PRICE, \$3.00 Per Month

S. MOUTRIE & CO., LTD.
EXCLUSIVE AGENTS.

J. ULLMANN & CO
HONGKONG

the imports from America. The rate closed at 4 1/2.
the French francs are 94/95.

Men's Wear Specialists.
Alexandra Building. Des Voeux Road

Strictly non-inflammable
\$1.50 each.

- 301 Tobogganning in Lucerne (sport).
- 324 A Race in Gliders (sport).
- 327 Aeroplanes acrobatics (sport).
- 368 The Bear-cyclist (comedy).
- 378 Pretty bathing-girls (sport).
- 477 Coronation of Napoleon (Dec. 2, 1804) (comedy).
- 87 The dream of Charlie Chaplin (comedy).
- 466 Spooks (Harold Lloyd and Mildred Davies). (comedy).
- 475 Harold Lloyd at the photographer's (comedy).
- 476 Harold Lloyd's Auto. (comedy).
- 523 The Barber of Seville (comedy).
- 533 Paris Fashions (instructional).

ON SALE
A TACK | PATHÉ-ORIENT
25, Des Voeux Road | 12, Queen's Road, Central.
HONGKONG

Have you noticed how the cockroaches are increasing again? That is because you are not using

FLETCHER'S BEETLE VIRUS.
You can keep your house clear of these pests, if you apply the virus occasionally. And remember the Sole Distributors are

THE PHARMACY

ORDER FROM YOUR
BOOKSELLER
THE CHINA YEAR BOOK
1923

EDITED BY H. G. W. WOODHEAD, C.B.E.
PRICE - - \$12.50
AN ENCYCLOPÆDIA OF INFORMATION REGARDING CHINA

SPECIALITY
J. HARVEY'S BRISTOL { MILK & CREAM
 (old gold and Pale Sherry)
CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co., Ltd.
 15, Queen's Road Central. Telephone 75.

WHITEAWAY'S SALE



**BOOTS
AND
SHOES**

250 pairs
MEN'S BOOTS & SHOE

In Brogue, Oxford and Balmoral Styles
Usual Prices \$18.50 to \$29.50
TO BE CLEARED

\$10.00 A PAIR

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & CO., LT

LAMMERT BROS.

AVOCATES, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS.
Public Auctioneers.

THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY, January 23, 1924
commencing at 3 o'clock p.m.
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.
One Fine Pedigree Bull Dog (male)
(Copy of Pedigree may be seen on application to the undersigned on day of sale)
On View from 1.30 p.m. on day of Sale
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 21, 1924.

on
THURSDAY, January 24, 1924.
commencing at 3.15 p.m.
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.
A Valuable Collection of Postage
Stamps
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Wednesday the 23rd
January 1924
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

on
FRIDAY, January 25, 1924.
commencing at 2.30 p.m.
at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.
A Fine Collection of Chinese
Carols
including:—
Five coloured, Red and White, Blue
and White Porcelain of the Ming,
Kanghai, Yung Chang, Kienlung and
Towkong Periods
Jade, Crystal, Agate and Carved
Ivory Ware
Fine Lacquered Ware
Also
One Very Fine Blue and White Vase
(Kanghai)
On View from Thursday the 24th
January 1924.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

on
MONDAY, January 28th, 1924.
commencing at 10.30 a.m. & 2.00 p.m.
at Godown No. 23 The Hongkong
Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon
A Quantity of
Miscellaneous Goods
Comprising:—
Round, Flat and Square Bars, Angles,
Iron, Joists, Bar Ends, Galvanized Wire,
Flour, Plans, Oil Newspapers, Salp-
baste of ammonium, Cassin, etc., etc.
Also
50 Cases Chinese Wine
51 Cases Story of the Ming
24 Cases Ivoryware
29 Packages Sewing Machines
48 Cases Machines
6 Cases Cotton Canvas
488 Rolls Concoctum
10 Cases Shoe Wires
10 Cases Shoe Nails.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 18, 1924.

FARES FOR PUBLIC
VEHICLES.

The fares prescribed for public vehicles
are as follows:—
1. In the Island of Hongkong, Cause
Road and Lower Levels, and in
Kowloon, and New Kowloon.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Five minutes..... 5 cents
Ten minutes..... 10
Twenty minutes..... 15
Half hour..... 20
One hour..... 30
Two hours..... 40
Three hours..... 50
Four hours..... 60
Five hours..... 70
Six hours..... 80
Seven hours..... 90
Eight hours..... 1.00
Nine hours..... 1.10
Ten hours..... 1.20
Eleven hours..... 1.30
Twelve hours..... 1.40
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INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED & FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, on FRIDAY, 1st February 1924, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st February 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8th, 1924.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 18th January to MONDAY, 28th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
L. S. GREENHILL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on MONDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1924.

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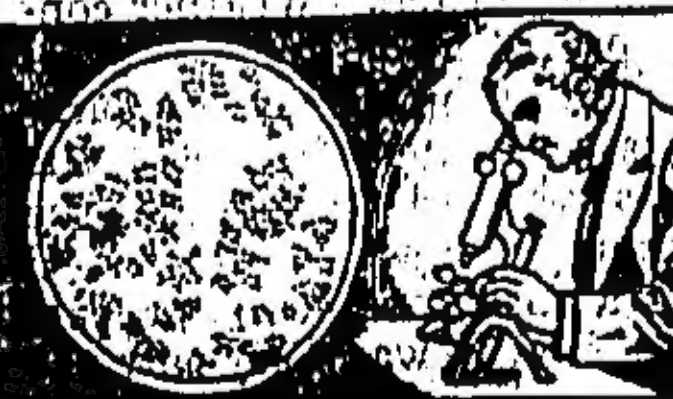
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The effect of a germ is not sufficient to destroy these minute and malignant invaders. But Formamint, dissolved slowly in the mouth, is a certain preventive against germ development, giving instant relief and effectively banishing the risk of infection.

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THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

MODELS constructed by this Company which are shortly to be despatched to the British Empire Exhibition, will be on view at the Kowloon Docks to the public on WEDNESDAY the 16th instant and daily thereafter until WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A launch will leave Blake Pier for Kowloon Dock daily at 9.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. and return to Hongkong at 10.15 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m., 3.15 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

By Order,
R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

Kowloon Docks,
15th January, 1924.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.00 p.m., SATURDAY February the 2nd 1924, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 21st January to SATURDAY, 2nd February 1924, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1924.

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Mr. K. Wilkinson, of 114, Road, Strand, writes: "I am pleased to tell you that I have been cured of my deafness and the noise in my head. I had been deaf for many years, and had tried many remedies, but none had done me any good. I had almost given up hope, but I had heard of 'Larmaline' and I decided to try it. I had not been deaf for long, and I had not been able to hear anything for many years. I had almost given up hope, but I had heard of 'Larmaline' and I decided to try it. I had not been deaf for long, and I had not been able to hear anything for many years. I had almost given up hope, but I had heard of 'Larmaline' and I decided to try it."

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Write to: E. M. THORNTON, Dept. of Colonization, Room 10, Canadian Pacific Railway Bldg., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

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Under this plan all the better payments down to 75% of the purchase price—then he will have one year's free use of the land without any further payment whatever.

Which the balance of principal will be amortized on an easy payment plan of 20 equal annual payments, which makes the second payment fall due two years after the purchase of the land, which is the cost of the land. For example, if the land is purchased for \$10,000, the down payment will be \$2,500 and the annual payments will be \$1,250. At the end of 2 years the settler will have cleared the land and will be able to give his family the comfort and enjoyment of life.

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THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

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Everybody Kimberley Villas Kowloon from Helsinki.

Giles British Consulate, from Peking. V. S. Kung Oriental Hotel Room 6, from Shanghai.

Fourth Floor, from Shanghai. Captain Ohapra, from Koba. Nam (2), from Shanghai.

Commander Bowas, from Shanghai. Loong Man Mow New, from Shanghai.

Chung Shing 1 Eastern Street, from London. Tung Hing, from Amsterdam.

Loong Loong 7 Chung Shan street, from Nagasaki. E. V. JESSEN, Act. Superintendent, Hongkong, 10th January, 1924.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

List of unclaimed telegrams lying in 2 R. Telegraph Office, Hongkong.

Asiatik from Pakboi. Brownfield, from Leeds.

Burt, from Shanghai. Captain Waterman King Edward Hotel, from Kirgaueenland.

Gakudsen c/o Gaidastakhan Prison, from Ashkhan. Williams Palace Hotel Kowloon, from Hankow.

M. E. F. AIRBY, Superintendent, Hongkong, 10th January, 1924.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs in the 1st January 1924—

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Mrs. Annie Hoe, who was 100 on November 2, died at Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Mr. Heathcote Garrod, Tutor and Fellow of Merton College, has been elected Professor of Poetry at Oxford University.

A mile race between a motor cyclist, W. Newman, and a roller-skater, A. R. Eglington, at Holland Park Hall, London, was won by the skater by 30 yards in 3 min. 18 sec.

Alexander Sadler, of Bayswater, was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment, his licence being endorsed, at Petworth, Sussex, for having been drunk in charge of a motor-car.

When a woman applauded an acquittal at Surrey Assizes, Mr. Justice Rowland said she had a good mind to send her to the cells for a time. Women who attended court must learn to behave.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the "Trevesa," which sank in the Indian Ocean on June 4, resulted in a finding that she foundered during a heavy gale through springing a leak.

Two motor-omnibuses collided in Stroud-Green-road, Finsbury Park, N., and three passengers, two men and a woman, were treated at the Royal Northern Hospital for cuts, but were not detained.

Charged with breaking into the house of Mr. Travers Humphreys, the Treasury counsel, Baden Lindley, 22, a motor-driver, of Eastbourne-terrace, Paddington, W., was committed for trial at Ealing.

Owing to unfavourable weather, Mr. Alan Cobham did not attempt the flight he was to try to make to Brussels in a light aeroplane with a 6-h.p. engine. Mr. Cobham hopes to start if the weather conditions will permit.

Several men were treated in hospital for injuries, as the result of a fight in the dark which followed the discovery by the police of a gang of alleged thieves in a Coventry engineering works. Five men will appear before the magistrates.

The aeronautical exhibits of the Imperial War Museum have been transferred from the Crystal Palace to the aeronautical section of the Science Museum, South Kensington, where they will be available for public inspection in due course.

Considering the subject set, "Comparison of adjectives in the Norwegian language," unsuitable for a written paper, six out of seven students sitting for a modern languages examination at the University of Christiania went on strike, walking out of the room.

Meetings of shareholders in Provincial Cinematograph Theatres, Ltd., have been convened to consider a suggested scheme of arrangement between the company and its shareholders. The company, of which Lord Ashfield is chairman, has an issued share capital of £2,200,000.

There was satisfaction on the Manchester Exchange, when it became obvious that the election had killed Protection. The raw cotton market at Liverpool was much firmer, an indication that there was no nervousness there.

Colonel Formby, chairman of the Camberley (Surrey) Conservative Association, after lunching with Mr. A. M. Samuel, the newly elected M.P. for the Farnham division of Surrey, telephoned the result of the poll to friends at Camberley. A few minutes later he collapsed and died.

The trustees of the New Zealand Sheep Owners' Association, in acknowledgment of their debt to the British Seamen's Fund, have decided to devote the greater part of their funds, more than £100,000, to the migration of New Zealand of the children of seamen who were killed or disabled during the war.

In giving judgment for £200 in the Kings Bench Division, in favour of Mr. C. Sheridan Jones, in his claim against Mr. Donaldson for 6 months' salary, in lieu of notice on being dismissed from the editorship of the National Champion, Mr. Justice Balguy said the atmosphere of the case was that of the underworld of journalism and other things.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

A touch of rheumatism or a twinge of neuralgia, whatever the trouble is, Chamberlain's Pain Balm, relieves the pain. Burns and scalds are so promptly relieved, and the balm is so easily applied, that it is a household necessity. It is for sale everywhere.

Maxim Gorky, the Russian writer, is seriously ill at Prague.

The Egyptian Standard is to be a white crescent and three stars on a green ground.

Lord Shaughnessy was taken ill at Montreal but was rather better.

The first Franco-German football match since 1914, played at Mayence, ended in the French winning by 5-0.

Sir Leslie Wilson, the new Governor of Bombay, and Lady Wilson were enthusiastically welcomed at Bombay.

Foxes are doing much damage among the poultry farms in the Peak district of Derbyshire.

Large crowds cheered the Swedish Crown Prince and his bride (formerly Lady Louise Mountbatten) on their arrival at Gothenburg.

All but one of the 16 Scotch representative peers who sat in the last Parliament were re-elected. Lord Sinclair takes the place of the Earl of Rothes.

The Scarborough electric tramway service, which was suspended at the end of October by the company going into liquidation, has been resumed.

Mr. J. W. Tanfield, Locksmith, Linburn-road, Sheffield, who recently, was an unvalued expert in the district for opening safes when keys were lost.

Prayers are being offered in many of the churches in South Cheshire in connection with the epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease.

Two panels of Gobelin tapestry were sold at Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's, Leicester-square, W.C. for £4,305, and a carpet from a mosque in Constantinople realised £1,890.

The death is announced of Mr. J. S. Macdonald, editor of the Farmer and Stockbreeder and a member of a family widely known for its devotion to and efficiency in agricultural journalism.

Sir Henry Kimber, formerly M. P. for Wandsworth, who is 75, fell while going upstairs at his home, Lansdowne Lodge, Putney, and broke his right arm for the second time.

The death is announced of Professor James Harkness, professor of pure mathematics at McGill University, Montreal, from 1903 to 1913. Born in England in 1864, he was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge.

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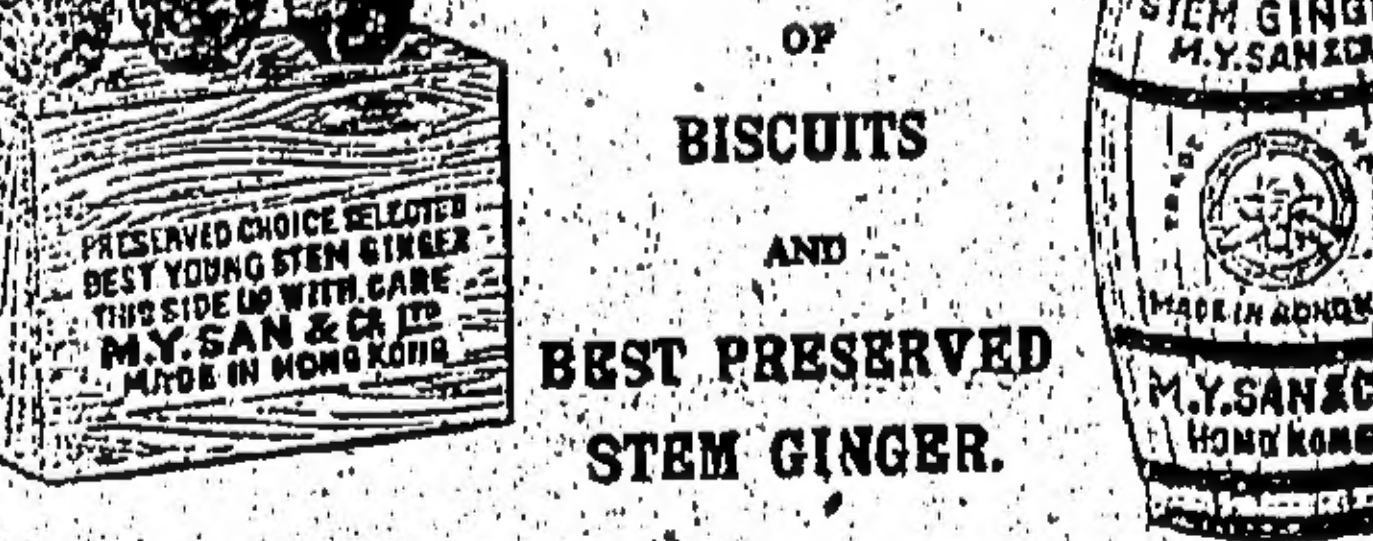
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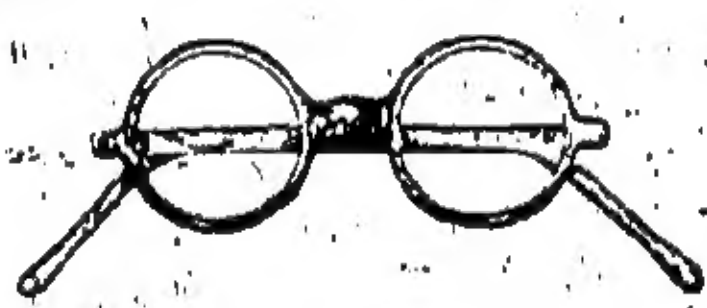
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HONGKONG TUESDAY, JAN. 22, 1924.

A STRIKE.

At the very beginning of its career
 Great Britain's Labour Government
 (assuming there is now such a thing)
 is faced with a problem arising from
 labour—from the antagonism—or
 rather the differences arising
 between capital and labour, or
 employer and employee on the vexed
 question of wages. It may be said
 that the love of increased wages is
 the root of all labour evils, and the
 present strike is not uncommon in
 that respect. All eyes then will be
 turned in the direction of the
 Government to see what steps, if
 any, it will take to cause the parties
 to reason together, to come to a
 settlement amicable and fair to both
 parties; or, what is more important
 still, to institute legislation that will
 banish the possibilities of strikes for
 ever and a day—as a relic of bar-
 barism in an age that was content to
 have its passions roused, its intelli-
 gence outraged, and to bring upon
 itself untold suffering and not a little
 loss. No one questions the right of
 the worker to strike. It is his
 inalienable right, if questioned
 at all. It has probably at times
 served a useful purpose in bringing
 to light the untold horrors and

underpaid abhorrences of certain
 classes of labour, and as a result has
 had them remedied. But this apart,
 and living as we do in an advanced
 age, the absolute necessity of
 indulging in a ruinous strike is now
 questioned. The strike weapon is a
 very ugly thing indeed. It is more
 often than not two-edged, likely to
 cause as much harm to the person
 who wields it as against whom it is
 wielded. No one questions that fact.
 Almost every strike proves it—and
 proves, that unless the general body
 of labourers throughout the country
 stand by those who strike, a strike
 is but a mere matter of time, parti-
 cularly where the working of essential
 services are jeopardised, and volun-
 teer workers come forward in large
 numbers to man those services
 until the adequate protection of
 the forces of law and order. The
 solution to strikes is the 'simple one'
 of Arbitration Boards presided over
 by an impartial Chairman, with a
 final Arbitration Board should the
 'lower house' as we may describe it
 fail in its endeavours to find a
 satisfactory solution to felt or known
 grievances. Why such Boards have
 not ere this become an accomplished
 fact by law established is a matter
 of no little surprise. It may be the
 habitual suspicion with which
 organised labour looks upon the
 efforts of others to seek means of
 peace, or that the average worker
 allows himself to be easily led and
 will continue to let others do his
 thinking for him. In any case, if a

strike had to happen, it could not
 have happened at a better time so
 far as effectual dealing with strikes
 is concerned. The Labour Govern-
 ment will probably not thank a
 section of its adherents with pre-
 senting it with a strike greeting to
 consider on top of general unemploy-
 ment, but if it leads to legislation
 of the type so much desired, we can
 at least attempt to see a little good
 in the present outburst, and like
 that paid Secretary, sleep calmly
 and soundly in our beds. If a
 Labour Government cannot settle
 a strike, who is there who can?

"A Long Felt Want"

The laying of the foundation
 stone of the Colony's new European
 Y.M.C.A. at Kowloon yesterday
 marked a definite step towards pro-
 viding what has unquestionably been
 a long felt want by our young men.
 Immediately he arrives here the
 youngster out from Home on a
 moderate salary finds that he is up
 against a very stiff problem when
 he comes to investigate the question
 of accommodation. If it is a big
 firm that he is joining he may be
 lucky enough to get into a Mess
 (capital M. please, Compositors)
 but it is more than likely that he
 will, during his first year or two,
 lead the life of a nomad, flitting
 from boarding house to boarding
 house, from "digs" to "digs," in
 search of the comfortable home that
 is rarely to be found here outside of
 newspaper advertisements. And for
 a young fellow, especially if he has
 been used to living in his own
 home, nothing is more unset-
 tling than to feel that he is
 "just has to go out of an evening
 because the place gives him the
 pip," that the time is ripe for the
 Devil's work to begin. For the
 men who have come out during the
 past few years it has been bad
 enough but, after all, most of them
 have done some soldiering. They
 have "roughed it," with a ven-
 geance, and then they have the oppor-
 tunity of meeting kindred spirits in
 the Kowloon Club. But from now
 on most of the "gritlings" will prob-
 ably be too young to have served
 during the war and for them the
 new Y.M.C.A. should perform a
 useful service. One of its functions
 it was announced yesterday, is to be
 "to help to provide permanent
 accommodation for young men who
 otherwise may have a difficulty in
 finding accommodation in suitable
 surroundings," and in useful hands,
 capable of steering a skilful course
 between intolerance on the one hand
 and free licence on the other, the
 new institution should in this direction
 alone achieve much good.

First Class Brains.

Before this is in print the Con-
 servative Government is likely to be
 hit by a name, and the Labour party
 designated to hold the reins of
 office. This is not the occasion to
 speak of the difficulties which con-
 front them and the least that can
 be asked is that they be given a fair
 trial. Hitherto the Labour Party
 has probably stood for a conglomerate
 of "horny-handed sons of toil"
 —men who, on Sundays, garbed
 themselves in funeral black; prob-
 ably wore a red tie, king a hymn
 called "The Red Flag" and were in
 favour of blowing capital, vested
 interests, and the Constitution
 generally to bits—to so many bits
 that no self-respecting Conservative
 or Liberal could possibly mould
 a neur to his heart's desire. To
 brand the Labour Party as such
 would be as unfair as to stigmatise
 our now almost world-famous
 Education Board because a member
 of it has been known to eject the
 pearl—"was you reading?" Jack
 Jones there may be in profusion,
 but the list of adherents to the
 Labour cause now puts it within the
 ranks of what Lord Birkhead
 would describe as first class
 brains. No one questions the
 abilities or the intellectuality of men
 like Lord Haldane who it is stated
 is likely to be the next Lord Chan-
 cellor, or Mr. Philip Snowden, Mr.
 Patrick Hastings, or Mr. Sidney
 Webb. These men possess the
 fetiche of a University education and
 by all the ordinary rules of the game
 should be middle class liberals, or
 crusted Tories. But these men are
 what they are from conviction—led
 to their present position by having
 passed through the crucible of
 thought. Mr. Clynes and Mr.
 Macdonald are labourers because
 what we say, they were born that
 way. But this is not to deny them
 the qualities of clear thought which
 rulers should possess. Mr. Clynes
 was a more than successful Food
 Minister during the war, and prob-
 ably held Cabinet rank. "How all
 these first class, or almost first class
 brains will work together remains
 to be seen. How long they will be
 allowed to remain in office also
 remains to be seen. With these
 two sides of the matter, this brief
 note is not concerned. We set out
 to state that the Labour party
 possesses first class brains. The
 names of the possessors of such now
 mentioned are few. They can be
 added to and that easily.

CHARIVARIA.

A paper has
 published an
 article on
 "How to Choose
 Christmas
 Presents." Remem-
 bering our
 trouble with the
 Comprodor's
 capons we want an
 article on
 "How to Chew Christmas
 Presents."

The use of mud for the com-
 plexion is the latest fad. Some
 people have found that slinging
 mud has generally put a different
 complexion on things.

A lady member of Parliament
 says she likes her home better
 than the House of Commons.
 Presumably there are no divisions
 there.

An actor recently gave up being
 a farmer to go on the stage. It is
 not stated if his favourite play is
 "Maria Martin, or the murder in the
 Red Barn."

The "Katori Maru" has collided
 with a Hopper. The latter belied
 its name.

Dr. Cook, the polar explorer, has
 been sentenced to fourteen years
 imprisonment. He is now cer-
 tainly up the Pole.

A New Jersey man has drowned
 himself in a vat of wine kept for
 his own private use. A sort of
 stewing in his own juice.

The New York
 NOT POLITICS newspapers
 praise the
 soundness of the reasoning in
 Mr. Daw's statement at the first
 meeting of the Experts' Committee
 in Paris, particularly the injunction
 that the motto of the committee
 must be "Business, not Politics."
 We wonder if the distinction
 means straight dealing with no
 equivocation as against shuffling,
 "beating about the bush," and
 underhand method. Certainly no
 damning phrase has been used for
 a long time to indicate what
 Politics amounts to.

He would time his
 lugs if they were
 not tacked to him.
 ALL SCOTCH. Auld wives were
 aye guid maidens.

Many a thing's made for the
 penny, as the auld wife said, when
 she saw a black man.

King's cheese goes haul away in
 pairings.

She brak her elbow at the kirk
 door.

When lika ane gets their ain the
 thief will get the widdy.

Ye'll learn your father to get
 bairns.

He canna haud meal in his mou'
 an' blaw.

In the old days the
 popular musical con-
 ductor of the Theatre
 Royal, Dublin, was Old Levy.

He had a very large family, and a
 story is told that when conducting
 an overture to an opera in the
 Theatre Royal a boy jumped up
 from under the stage and said:

"Misther Levy! Misther Levy!
 Your woiwe has just had a babbly!"

"The Lord be praised for all
 His mercies!" said the conductor,
 keeping the baton going.

In a few seconds the boy again
 appeared.

"Misther Levy! Misther Levy!"

"Well, boy, is anything wrong?"

"Missis Levy has had another
 babbly, sor!"

"Thank Heaven! All's well!"

And the baton waved with greater
 vigour, working up the orchestra
 to a tremendous flourish. Once
 more he was disturbed by the
 same messenger.

"Misther Levy! Misther Levy!"

"Git out, boy! What's the
 matter now?"

"Begorra, there's another! As
 y' call 'em, trins!"

The conductor rose and, putting
 down his baton, said:

"Gladden, it's tyme I wint
 home and put a stop to this!"

We wonder if
 the signs on
 some of our
 roads "No motor traffic" are meant
 to be observed. The other day
 the Government's huge motor
 ambulance came down Wyndham
 St. in spite of the "No motor traffic"
 sign at the bottom of the street.
 Are government vehicles exempt,
 and is there one law for Medes
 and another for the Persians?

The Canadian
 Gazette publishes a
 PRECEDENCE despatch from the
 Colonial Secretary
 to the Governor-General announc-
 ing that His Majesty has approved
 of the revised table of precedence
 recommended by the Canadian
 Government.

The table places Lieut. Govern-
 ors immediately after the Govern-
 or-General, omitting the General
 Commanding His Majesty's Forces
 and the Admiral Commanding the
 North American Station, who held
 the second place in the old list.

The Prime Minister comes after
 Lieut. Governor, instead of rank-
 ing with members of the Cabinet.

Thereafter come Archbishops and
 Bishops, as previously, but
 immediately following them are
 the Presbyterian Moderators.

The Singapore Market for
 Rubber Stamps last week brighten-
 ed considerably and closed
 better than for several weeks.

The raw material is quoted in
 Singapore at 48 1/2 cents per lb.

The total output of the Kailan
 Administration's mines for the
 week ending January 11, 1924,
 amounted to 108,616 tons and the
 sales during the period to 58,766
 tons.

Heads of the Methodist and
 Baptist Churches are not officially
 recognised so far. We like that
 "so far." Presumably there is a
 "Table of precedence" in Hong-
 kong. Does anyone know what it
 is—or cares? China of course has
 its own Table of Precedence, in
 which we believe the ricksha,
 coolie comes before the barrow-
 pusher. There is a table of pre-
 cedence we believe in the Straits in
 the case of ladies—thus—
 Tailors ladies,
 Assistants wives,
 Other fellows women.

To-day's Poem.

(The Fly.)

How large unto the tiny fly
 Must little things appear—
 A rosebud like a feather bed,
 Its prickles like a spear;

A dewdrop like a looking-glass;
 A hair like golden wire;
 The smallest grain of mustard-seed
 As fierce as coals of fire;

A loaf of bread a lofty hill;
 A wasp, a cruel leopard;
 And specks of salt as bright to see
 As lambkins to a shepherd.

—WALTER DE LA MARE.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 22.

1664. Up, and it being a brave
 morning, with a gally to
 Woolwich.—Popsy.

1785. The departure of the loof
 frost, by which we were
 pinched and squeezed for
 three weeks, is a most
 agreeable circumstance.—
 William Courmer.

COMPANIONSHIP.

"It is hard to believe long to-
 gether that anything is 'worth
 while' unless there is some eye to kindle
 in common with our own, some
 brief word uttered now and then to
 imply that what is infinitely precious
 to us is precious alike to another
 mind."

—GEORGE ELIOT.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
 in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 22.—Coronet Theatre;
 "Quincy Adams Sawyer."

January 22.—Star Theatre;
 "Uncharted Seas."

January 22.—World Theatre;
 "The Women Men Love."

SOCIAL.

January 22.—Burn's Night. Din-
 ner in the Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.

February 4.—Grand Chinese
 Carnival in the Hongkong Hotel
 Grill Rooms, 8-12 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

January 23.—Lammert Bros.,
 Sides Rooms, one fine pedigree Bull
 Dog (male), 3 p.m.

January 23.—Lammert Bros.,
 at their Sales Rooms, a valuable col-
 lection of postage stamps, 6.15 p.m.

January 23.—Lammert Bros.,
 at their Sales Rooms, a fine collection
 of Chinese Curios, 8.30 p.m.

January 23.—Lammert Bros.,
 at Godown, No. 18, The H.K. Kow-
 loon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
 Kowloon, Miscellaneous Goods,
 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 23.—Twenty-third or-
 dinary general meeting of share-
 holders of the Hongkong Land
 Reclamation Co., Ltd., at the
 Offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson
 and Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

January 23.—Thirty-sixth ordi-
 nary general meeting of sharehold-
 ers of the Hongkong Land Invest-
 ment and Agency Co., Ltd., at
 Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices
 11.15 a.m.

February 1.—One-hundred and
 fourth ordinary meeting of share-
 holders of the Hongkong-Canton
 and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at
 the Offices of the Company, Noon.

February 2.—Fifth ordinary
 yearly meeting of shareholders of
 the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the
 registered office of the Company,
 No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central,
 3 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at
 6.04 p.m.

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COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA LIGHT AND POWER
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An extraordinary general meet-
 ing of the shareholders of the
 China Light and Power Co., Ltd.,
 was held at the offices of the
 general managers of the Company,
 Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.,
 yesterday morning. Mr. R. G.
 Shewan presided.

The meeting was called for the
 purpose of submitting resolutions
 to increase the capital of the
 Company.

The Chairman said:—Gentle-
 men, the object of this meeting is
 clearly stated in the resolutions
 before you. It is simply to increase
 the present capital from \$2,000,000
 to \$3,000,000 by the issue to share-
 holders of 200,000 new shares at
 par. We do not propose to call up
 more than \$1 per share right off, as
 we are not in pressing need of the
 money at the moment, but there is
 no doubt that if our business con-
 tinues to increase as it is doing, it
 will not be long before we have to
 order additional plant, and as our
 principal shareholders were all in
 favour of our looking well ahead
 and providing for funds before-
 hand we decided to put the propo-
 sal before you.

The Chairman then proposed the
 adoption of the resolutions already
 circulated. These were seconded
 by Mr. C. E. Riggs, Mr. C. H. Lyson
 and Mr. Tong Hok Ting respec-
 tively and they were all carried
 unanimously.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T.T. exchange on London is
 24 1/2; on Shanghai 70 1/2.

At the foot of Garden Road at
 about 11 a.m. yesterday, a Chinese
 girl of about ten years of age, was
 accidentally knocked over by taxi
 No. 988 and sustained slight
 injuries.

Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son send
 the China Mail a copy of a folder
 which has a descriptive chart
 relating to the British Empire
 Exhibition. Visitors to the Ex-
 hibition will find it supremely
 useful.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. advise
 that they have received the fol-
 lowing from their Singapore
 agents: "Dividend; The Lunas
 Rubber Estates Ltd., have de-
 clared a final dividend of 7 1/2%
 payable on the 21st instant."

Prior to the departure of the
 s.s. "Hakosaki Maru" for Shang-
 hai, Revenue Officer Ward effected
 a seizure on board of a shipment
 of eight cases of morphia valued
 at about \$200,000. The lot had
 been shipped at Marseilles and was
 destined for Kobe.

Charged with having assaulted
 a sampan woman in Hunghom
 Bay with intent to rob her, a Chinese
 named Ng Kwai, was found
 guilty and sentenced by Mr. Justice
 Gompertz at the Criminal Sessions
 yesterday afternoon, to five years'
 imprisonment with hard labour.

The Royal Humane Society
 on December 12, awarded its
 Silver Medal to Tom Henry
 Teagus, A.B., of H.M.S. "Tamar,"
 for his gallantry in saving Lieut.
 Thomas H. Dickson, serving on
 submarine L9, when that vessel
 sank during a typhoon off the
 Naval Dockyard at Hongkong, on
 August 18.

Believed to have been of un-
 sound mind, So Chuk-ming (77)
 a Kwangai scholar who arrived
 here a few days ago, committed
 suicide yesterday by cutting his
 throat with a razor at room No. 30
 of the Tai Loy boarding-house,
 which is next to the Harbour
 Office. His body was found with
 a deep cut in the neck.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Annual Meeting of St.
 Andrew's Church Vestry is to be
 held on Monday next. The Vicar
 and Mrs. Lindsay will hold a
 reception prior to the meeting.

Professor Danenberg's pupils
 are giving their third memory test
 piano recital at the Professor's
 music studio, The Albany, on
 Saturday next at 5 p.m. when an
 attractive programme will be ren-
 dered including a cycle of items
 by young Emil Danenberg.

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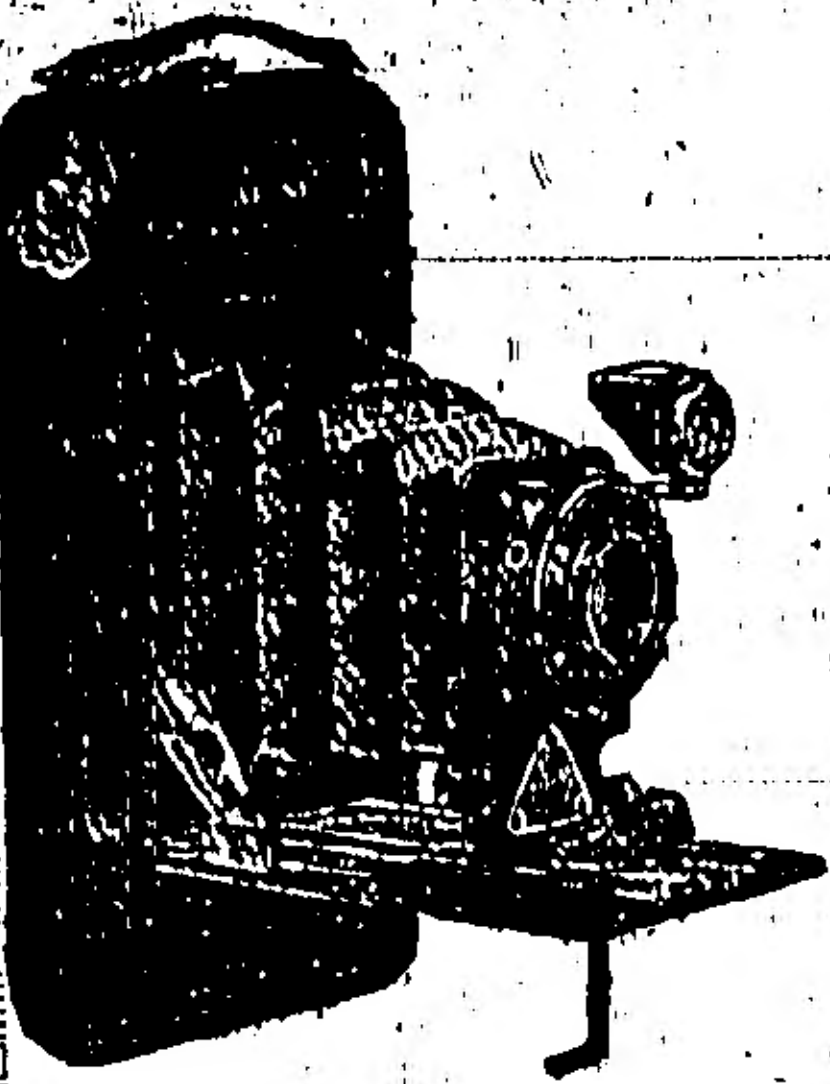
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PAST HISTORY RECALLED.

BOATSWAIN AND SAILORS JOIN PIRATES.

Yet another chapter has been added to the tragic history of piracy of merchant vessels in Hongkong and adjacent waters by the attack on the Kongmoon steamer "Tai Lee." A phase unbecoming in similar attacks on river and coasting vessels, is the part alleged to have been taken by the boatswain and some of the sailors. Building up the account from different people on board there seems little doubt that the boatswain had a very big part in the affair and it is believed that he shot down Captain Wilcox, who was probably the best-known skipper on the Kongmoon run. One Indian guard also met his death at the hands of the pirates while two others were seriously wounded in attempting to stem the rush for control of the vessel. Loot comprising money, jewellery, valuables, property, etc., conservatively estimated at over a lakh, but said to be as much as \$200,000 in another quarter, has been taken and a large number of passengers were kidnapped, ostensibly for ransom.

How It Happened.

After the customary search at the wharf here, the "Tai Lee" left on Sunday evening with about 600 passengers and a general cargo. Nothing was amiss till the ship had been cleared by the Whangmoon Customs, when about fifteen minutes later—shortly after midnight—the attack began. Mr. J. Fletcher, the chief officer, went on the bridge about ten when he was told by the boatswain that the captain had gone to his cabin. This was unusual but before he could do anything the boatswain had whiskered to him that a gang of pirates was on board. The chief officer was overpowered and kept a prisoner in the wheelhouse. It is surmised that Captain Wilcox was shot as he was coming out of the lavatory, his assassin being suggested as the boatswain. At any rate, he was found in the morning, after the gang had left, lying in the lavatory with a bullet wound in his chest, another in the abdomen and a third in the thigh. Whoever was responsible the skipper was murdered in cold blood before he could put up any resistance.

Simultaneously with what happened on the bridge, there was a commotion in the lower decks and shots were heard. The six Indian guards had opened fire at the pirates who were "swarming" over the decks to get on the bridge. With heavy odds against them, they were subdued, but not before three of them had been shot, one fatally. Mr. Dwyer, the chief engineer, was then ordered out of bed and taken, at the point of a pistol, to the engine room to ascertain that all was in order. He was then kept a prisoner in the wheelhouse with the chief officer.

Military Commander's Credentials.

Accounts of what occurred amidships and in the lower deck, are learned from members of the command department who were eyewitnesses. Starting as soon as they had secured the upper hand, the pirates made a most systematic search. Baggage was opened up and all desks, boxes, drawers, etc., were gone through. To ensure that nothing of value would be missed, the gang ordered women passengers to undo their cultures so that no ornaments could be secreted. A hue and cry was raised for the command, the pirates speaking in the Shun Tak dialect which is almost similar to Cantonese. Fortunately, he managed to hide himself and remained under cover till the pirates had left the ship.

Many of the passengers were thoroughly examined as to their identities. Young Kam-ling, commander of the first (military) division in Kwangtung, and one of the Canton Finance Department officials were on board. Their

credentials were scrutinized and after that they were not molested. The ship was under weigh all the time and at four in the morning had, under the directions of the pirates, reached a point between East and West Ma Ling which is near the Heungshan delta and not far from Macao. Here the anchor was dropped and three of the ship's lifeboats lowered. The loot was assembled in about eighty baskets and those people who had been marked out were taken away in the boats.

As soon as the ship was cleared, the chief officer got up steam and made for Pak-kai, the port of Kongmoon, for which the "Tai Lee" was bound. The captain was discovered and with all possible speed the ship put into Pak-kai, arriving there at 6.30 in the morning. The captain was taken to the Mission Hospital there. An immediate operation by two mission doctors could not save his life and he succumbed two hours later. The Indians were also taken to the Mission for treatment.

While at Pak-kai, J.M.S. "Robin" arrived. On a report being made to her commander, she immediately made for the spot where the pirates landed but no trace was found except one of the lifeboats which had been abandoned. After the passengers had been disembarked, the "Tai Lee" put back for Hongkong with the bodies of the captain and the guard on board. She arrived at her wharf here at 9.10 p.m. when the bodies were taken to the mortuary and the police went on board to receive the chief officer's report.

The "Tai Lee" is owned by the Sze Yip S.S. Co. and operated by the Wo Yick Company. She has been on the Hongkong-Kongmoon run for nearly ten years. At one time she was also on the Hongkong-Canton run and during the war was one of the vessels requisitioned, being engaged, as a transport to Mesopotamia.

Added Inducement.

What must have been an added inducement to attack the "Tai Lee" is the abnormal amount of money carried at this time of the year. Kongmoon is the entrepot for the Sze-Yip districts which provide nearly all the Chinese emigrants to America. It is a custom for the sojourners to return before China New Year and they invariably cash their drafts in Hongkong before going into the interior. Those abroad make it a habit of remitting sums home for the New Year and these are generally handed over to the itinerant traders and carriers who make it a business of travelling

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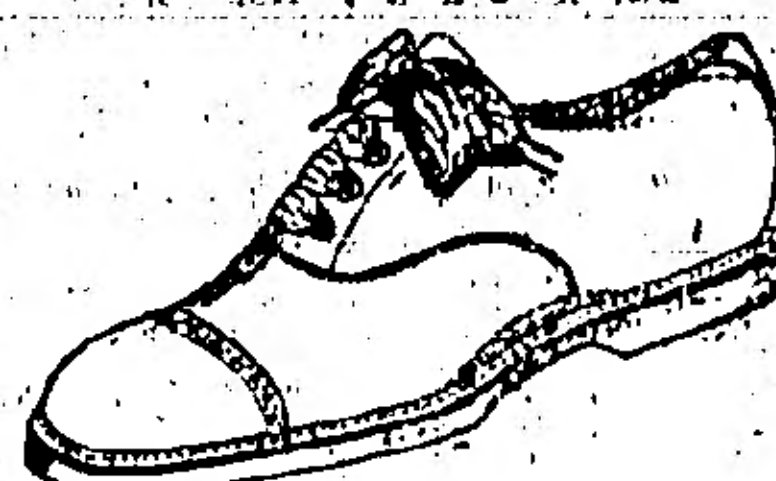
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The foundation stone of the new European Y.M.C.A. building which is being erected in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, was laid by H.E. the Governor (Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) yesterday. The ceremony was presided over by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong, and among those present were Sir Claud Severn, the Hon. Mr. E. Irving, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., the Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. J. L. McPherson, the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. Dr. Duppuy), the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald (Minister of the Union Church, Hongkong), the Rev. G. R. Lindsay and Mr. W. L. Leask.

It is estimated that the cost of the new Y.M.C.A. will be over \$200,000, exclusive of furnishings and equipment. There will be five storeys and on the first floor will be the general office, lounge, dining rooms for members and non-members and also two club rooms and a ladies' room. The second floor will be allotted as bed-rooms for temporary visitors while the third and fourth floors will be reserved for monthly boarders.

PROGRESS OF THE Y.M.C.A.

Tracing the history of the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock said, the European Y.M.C.A. was opened on the 1st May, 1904, and for ten years it occupied the top floor of Alexandra Buildings, during which period it did much useful work. In June, 1914, an outbreak of plague necessitated a change of quarters and by kind permission of Messrs. Alexander Ross and Co., temporary quarters for the members, but without sleeping accommodation, were arranged at No. 4 Des Voeux Road Central, where the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation annex now stands. These quarters contained an office, a reading room and a billiard room only, and proved inadequate for the successful working of the Association. Accordingly, in the year 1916, it was considered advisable to temporarily suspend work until more suitable premises could be obtained. A canvass for funds was made in June of that year which resulted, owing to the strenuous efforts of our late Governor, Sir Henry May, in the securing of a sum of \$140,000 for the purpose of erecting a new building, the money thus raised being sent home and invested in war loan.

Subsequently, went on the Chairman, various sites were suggested for the new building of the Association, two of such sites being on the Victoria side of the Harbour, but ultimately the directors decided on the present admirable site which His Excellency has kindly secured for them with the assent of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. About the same time the funds at the disposal of the directors were considerably augmented by the gift from the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. of \$75,000 gold subject to conditions which were acceptable to the directors as to the provision of certain accommodation in the building for American and British Service men.

They had, therefore at their disposal, continued the Hon. Mr. Pollock, a sum which amounted with accrued interest, to \$300,000 Hongkong currency, and this sum of money would suffice to put up and furnish and equip a five-storey building at a cost of over two lakhs of dollars consisting of two lower floors for social recreation and one middle floor for transients and two upper floors for monthly residents, the accommodation being sufficient for 30 transients and about 36 monthly residents.

Later, when funds were forthcoming, it was proposed to make additions which would include a swimming bath, bowling alleys, a gymnasium and more bed-rooms. These additions would be made as funds became available, and perhaps he may be permitted to take the opportunity of inviting some generous person or persons to make a donation for one of the above objects so as to enable them to make the accessories for wholesome recreation as complete as possible.

Before concluding my remarks, as to the past history of the European Y.M.C.A., said the chairman, "I should like to express my very great indebtedness to Mr. J. L. McPherson, who has acted as our Hon. Secretary for the past ten years, and who has been mainly instrumental in procuring the grant from the Y.M.C.A. International Committee of \$75,000 gold, and who has during his holidays last year, been in touch with the Y.M.C.A. at home as to the kind of secretary whom we shall require to carry on our building in 'approaching completion'." (Applause.)

The Board of Directors earnestly hope that this building, at the commencement of which, we are assisting, will be the home of men who are self-sacrificing, steadfast and strong; men who will work unselfishly for the benefit of others and for the general welfare of this Colony.

THE BOY SCOUTS.

ANNUAL COMPETITION TESTS.

The Hongkong Boy Scouts held a short rally on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of the Annual Competition of the Prince of Wales' Banner. About 130 were present, being conveyed across the Harbour by launches, and marching through Kowloon to King's Park, where the different troops were inspected and points awarded for smartness of turnout.

Owing to the distance and shortness of time, only simple tests were taken on this occasion, representatives from each troop being awarded points for knotting, signalling, weight judging, compass game, and Kim's Game.

This last was a test of observation and memory, 25 articles being exposed for a minute, and then covered, each boy giving names of all remembered. One boy succeeded in giving no less than 23.

The marks earned in each test are adjusted according to the numbers of each troop and count towards the Banner Competition.

It is hoped to hold a further rally in April, if possible at Happy Valley, when more strenuous and elaborate tests can be arranged.

"I will now ask your Excellency to kindly lay the foundation stone with this silver trowel which it is hoped that you will accept as a memento of the present occasion."

GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION. Before proceeding to lay the stone, His Excellency said he could only express regret that his predecessor was not living to receive the report of the laying of the foundation stone of this building. Had it been possible for him to be present he would have been very pleased to see the admirable work he started in the way of collecting funds.

"The Government," His Excellency went on, "was fully aware of the valuable work the Y.M.C.A. was doing. He knew it himself in other parts of the world, and recognising the value of the work they had had great pleasure in placing at its disposal one of the best sites in the Colony. It was a site which had the advantage at all times of whatever breezes there may be, and he congratulated the directors on their wisdom in selecting a site on that side of the water, instead of at Hongkong where it would have been very difficult to obtain a satisfactory site."

Referring to the athletic side of the Institute, His Excellency said that anything in the nature of field games on this site would be impossible, but he thought they might hope to have these further out and he would assure the directors that any scheme on these lines would have his sympathy. There was one further point for which he desired to enter a plea. It had not been mentioned by Mr. Pollock. He felt sure that the establishment of a good library in the institution, from which people could borrow books which members of the Mercantile Marine could take on voyages, would immensely increase the importance and value of the Institute. He would like the directors to consider the point he had raised.

As regards accommodation His Excellency went on to say that the Institute would render splendid service by providing permanent accommodation for young men who could not otherwise obtain suitable accommodation in surroundings within their means. Then, again, it would meet another difficulty in that it provided for young men passing through the Colony and who only stay in Hongkong for two or three days, during which time, if they were not looked after they might possibly get into mischief. He was sure also that the Institute would be of great value to His Majesty's Forces, especially when the time came when the military would not be quite such a prominent feature in Victoria. When they had to live on the outskirts of Kowloon it would be very convenient for them to look in. The success of the Institute he regarded as assured, and in case he was not here when the building was finally completed, he would like to congratulate the directors on their success.

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"PIRACIES."

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir.—Yet another piracy has come to light after a lapse of but a few weeks. All West River boats, so I understand, have taken all possible precautions against an attack but I am rather afraid that some Chinese steamship owners do not work the scheme well enough. The provision of grills, guards, etc., is a necessity but they are looked upon as immaterial by the pirates, when there are many odds and ends that have not been attended to by the owners.

I am of the opinion that the Police searches at the wharves are inadequate and with the exception of the Canton and Macao wharves, the Police searches at the other wharves consisted of only Chinese. It is far from being satisfactory, but I have at times personally visited some of these smaller wharves and find that every person is subject to a search. But I don't understand why the C.S.P. keeps back the European Police. This is a British Colony and every minute thing under the name of Protection ought to be looked after by Britishers.

It is a purely dangerous practice to invest the power on the Chinese constables. I need not say any further on this point and I leave it to the C.S.P. to think of the vast amount of use when European police are doing searching at the wharves. I have written once on the question of the searching of merchandise at the cargo space and I don't know if ever an examination has been made. When searching at the wharves has been conducted thoroughly, and yet a ship is to be looted, the problem of attack many seem to be in the dark, many resolved for once and all.

The Chinese ship-owners are allowing a dangerous practice in having cargo placed all round the ship where it is possible to secret weapons, etc., and before the signal of attack is given they simply leave their cabin and get out to the deck and arm themselves.

The very large complement of passengers is too congested together and the owners should come to some regulation about this.

I should like to come forth with my suggestion that any of those who were special constables during the war and who have had experience of police work, might come out again to render some light service, and work in conjunction with the regular police in the searching of passengers as well as the whole ship itself before departure. The China New Year is fast approaching and it is a time in which more police are needed. It is also too true that Chinese from the States returning to their country for the celebration of the festivities during the New Year, bring with them vast sums of money and they are simply a prey for the pirates.

Yours, etc.,

Hongkong, January 22.

BROTHERLY BRIBERY.

CHARGE AGAINST DISTRICT WATCHMAN.

Charges amounting to \$50, an accusation of having extorted \$50 from a brother keeper by way of "squeeze" were preferred against a District watchman named Tsoi Ping who appeared before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.) and a jury at the January criminal sessions yesterday afternoon and again this morning.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball (Assistant Attorney General) prosecuted and the prisoner was defended by Mr. Campbell Frosser.

The Crown case alleged that the prisoner's duty was to accompany an inspector of Chinese brothels on his rounds on December 5; he visited a house alone and demanded \$100 from the mistress threatening that otherwise he would arrest a certain girl in the house who had no licence. Eventually the mistress gave him \$50.

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BRITAIN'S OIL SHARES.

ANGLO-PERSIAN INTERESTS.

POSSIBLE SALE DISCUSSED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 21. In the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, informed Lieut-Comdr. Kenworthy that the proposal for the sale of the Government's shares in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company was first made by the Managing Director of the Burma Oil Company, but it was understood that the "Shell" and Royal Dutch Companies were also interested in the project.

Replied to further questions, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that the Anglo-Persian Board Company had been officially consulted. The Government did not feel it was able to take a final decision as it had in ended to refer the matter to the Cabinet committee prior to decision.

The two Government directors of the Anglo-Persian Company had been consulted, but it would not be in the public interest to disclose exactly what their advice was, because the question was not yet decided and it might be decided by some Government of the future who would desire to have information given them.

Asked who had conducted the negotiations on behalf of the Government, Mr. Chamberlain said the proposals were originally submitted by the President of the Board of Trade. He himself, the First Lord of the Admiralty and the Secretary for War, had also been consulted.

VIRTUAL BLOCKADE.

BRITAIN'S RUHR ZONE ENCLOSED.

GOVERNMENT'S PALTERING.

LONDON, January 21. In the House of Commons, Lieut-Comdr. Kenworthy referring to the French Regie's ordinances prohibiting the import and export of articles in the Cologne area, asked if this virtual blockade of the British zone was to be continued and whether any form of reprisals would be adopted.

Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, admitted that such ordinances had been issued, but said he was not prepared at the moment to accept Commander Kenworthy's description. The Government was enquiring into the matter and attention of the French and Belgian Governments was being called to it.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

LONDON, January 21. In the House of Commons, Mr. Ronald McNeill, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that Mr. Clive, the British Consul-General making enquiries in the Palatinate, had telegraphed that after five days of hearing the views of every class, he had reached the conclusion that an overwhelming mass of the population was opposed to autonomous Government, which could never come into existence without French support. Seventy-five per cent of the Separatists came from outside and included a large criminal element.

MANNING BRITISH STEAMERS.

MORE WHITE CREWS URGED.

LONDON, January 21. In the House of Commons, replying to Lieut-Comdr. A.E. Rawson, who asked whether regulations could be adopted for manning passenger ships with white crews, thereby contributing to the greater safety and comfort of passengers and to the relief of unemployment in Britain, Viscount Wolmer, Under-Secretary for Trade, said the exclusion of Lascars who were mainly British subjects from British ships would require legislation and there were very serious objections to any such proposal.

SINGAPORE SCHEME UPHELD.

LONDON, January 21. In the House of Commons, Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty, told Capt. A. U. M. Hodson that the Admiralty did not propose to abandon the Singapore scheme.

WEAK IN ENGLISH.

THE HON. MR. KOTEWALL OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP.

A very successful year reported by the headmaster of the Gap Road School at the annual prize distribution this morning was favourably commented upon by the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall who distributed the prizes.

Speaking in Chinese at the request of the Director of Education (the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving), the Hon. Mr. Kotewall said the exceptionally good results should be gratifying to both the teachers and students. From the report, he gathered that the boys who had passed into the Wanchai School for further education had invariably done well and in fact, some of them during the past year had obtained first places. This showed that the school had laid a good foundation.

Incidentally, went on the Hon. Mr. Kotewall he would like to mention that upon arriving at the school in his car, he had noticed that there was a school in this narrow road, which was a source of danger to the young boys. He hoped that the Director of Education would write to the Inspector of Police asking for a warning sign board. (Applause.)

Although it was an English School, continued the Hon. Mr. Kotewall, he found that all the masters were Chinese, but in spite of this, the results had been as good as those shown by any other school of its class even with English teachers. This reflected great credit on the teaching staff. He understood from the Inspector of English Schools (Mr. Ralphs) that every member of the staff from the headmaster downwards was a product of the Technical Institute Training Teachers' Class—a proof that this class had justified its existence.

Though the school was in a temporary building Mr. Kotewall went on, it seemed as if bigger premises would be required sooner or later, though at present it was meeting its requirements.

Mr. Ralphs had told him that so high was the school's standard of education that he could call it a Middle School for schools of its kind. Mr. Ralphs had highly praised the school and they had much reason to be proud of this praise, but they must not be satisfied with their success they must carry on and do even better.

In listening to the report, concluded Mr. Kotewall, he had heard that they were rather weak in diction and colloquial English, and he had noticed that a number of boys who had left school in a very high standard could not speak nor write English, very well. In order to promote the study of English, the Hon. Mr. Kotewall said he would offer a scholarship for one year to be given to the boy who excelled in these English subjects in Class 7 in the year 1924, in order to enable him to have another year's free tuition in the sixth class. (Loud cheers.)

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Pope Greets Spanish Rulers

Medieval ceremonies at the Vatican were revived for the first time since 1870 when King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain were received by Pope Pius XI. The Spanish monarchs were seated on low thrones to the left, while the Pope occupied the Pontifical Throne in the center of the Consistorial Hall. The Spanish rulers thrice bent the knee before the Pope, then knelt and kissed the Pope's toe; there by restoring the ancient ceremonial to denote humility and the homage due by Catholic sovereigns. King Alfonso is shown kneeling before the Pope, while Queen Victoria is still seated on her throne.



Mrs. Harriett Cooper

"Girls, don't be an old man's darling," is the advice of Mrs. Harriett Cooper, of Kansas City, who seeks a divorce from Joseph Cooper, wealthy theatre owner. Mrs. Cooper is 21; her husband is "forty, fat, near-sighted and bald." She asks \$35,000 alimony and counsel fees, charging her husband with possessing an ungovernable temper.



Lady Irene Curzon, daughter of Lord Curzon, British Foreign Minister, is campaigning for a seat in the House of Commons as an Independent. Lady Irene was born in 1896, her mother being the late Mary Victoria Leiter, daughter of Chicago's famous wheat plunger.



Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes

A Rome cable quotes Vatican circles as regarding it as a certainty that Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes, of the Diocese of New York, one of the strongest of the younger prelates in America, will be created a Cardinal at the Papal Consistory held by Pope Pius XI in December.



Mrs. Frank P. Stearns and Miss Edith Clark

Mrs. Frank P. Stearns, of Boston and Washington, whose husband millionaire Boston merchant, is the closest personal friend and adviser of President Calvin Coolidge, has returned to America with her sister, Miss Edith Clark, after a vacation tour of Europe.



John Browning, Mrs. B.F. Ballantyne and their daughter

Above are shown John Browning, son of the millionaire inventor of the Colt automatic pistol, the Browning automatic rifle and the Browning light and heavy machine guns used by the United States Army in the World War; his sister Mrs. Benjamin F. Ballantyne, and their cousin, Marjorie A. Browning, all of Salt Lake City, Utah. The Brownings are on trial for the killing, last Spring, of Mrs. Ballantyne's husband, whom they shot to death, they say, when he drew a pistol during a family quarrel over Ballantyne's treatment of his wife. Mrs. Ballantyne is aiding the defence.



Leo Granoff

Leo Granoff 11-year-old New York City boy and referred to as the "Boy Trotsky," has been paroled to appear later in Children's Court. He was picked up by a policeman, with his pockets stuffed with anarchist literature. When questioned, the boy admitted he was a Communist and that he had a large class of Communists among his ten to twelve-year-old companions. "Freedom is only for the rich," he declared. The National Security League joined hands with the police to put down the "conspiracy" of the children Communists to "overthrow the Government." Sound-spanking by mothers and fathers saved America.



Geraldine Farrar

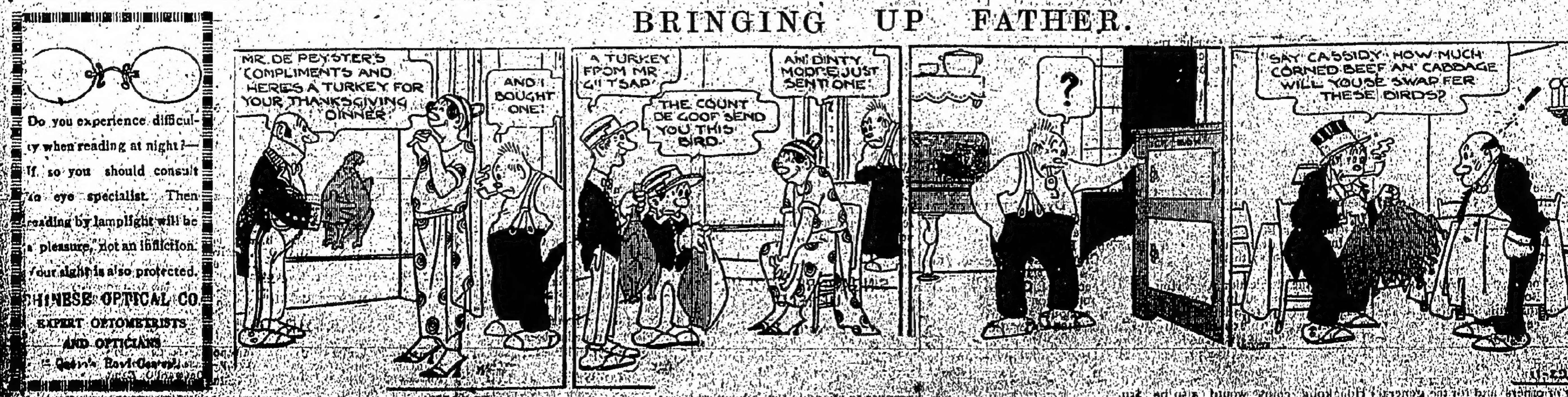
Barred from appearing in either the Wesley Memorial Church or the Immense Baptist Tabernacle in Atlanta, Ga., for a concert because of her role in "Zaza" in the Southern metropolis a few years before Geraldine Farrar defied the churches. "I'll sing there if I have to sing at Five Points!" she said, referring to a square in the very heart of the city. However, the high-school students, who were to give a minstrel in Atlanta's Auditorium, surrendered their rights, and the diva was permitted to sing indoors.



Klan Wedding

While 2,000 Klansmen and their wives looked on, a Klan wedding ceremony was performed at Champaign, Ill., in the new Klavern, on top of which burned a fiery cross 40 feet high. In the photograph are shown, left to right, Mrs. J. J. Reynolds, mother of the bride; the bride; Rev. Oliver K. Doney, who performed the ceremony; Harry A. Lee, the groom, and J. J. Reynolds, father of the bride.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HOME RAILWAY STRIKE.

LONDON, January 21.

Early morning reports from all over the country confirm the local motive power's claim that the Society's members are striking solidly. A few cases are also reported of N.U.R. men sympathetically striking. Thus, members of both unions have made common cause at Warrington, while a number of N.U.R. men at Crewe are acting as strike pickets. The most optimistic strike timetable is that of the London Midland Scottish, which is promising sixty per cent. of the normal service; but the extent of the N.U.R. defection, wherever everything depends, will not be determinable until later in the day.

LONDON, January 21.

While Paddington is congested with dwellers in local trains, the situation at the other London termini is not so bad. An official at Waterloo stated this morning that two or three main line trains had run since midnight, and that suburban trains are arriving very well. St. Pancras is comparatively busy, and an official at Euston optimistically declared they could get passengers on their system anywhere to-day, with luck. The underground railways, buses, and trams were crowded to capacity this morning, whilst thousands of motor cars were employed to bring workers to the city.

Mr. Brooley this morning stated that the response to the strike call had exceeded expectations, and the position would strengthen during the next two or three days. He claimed that the N.U.R. men were in a great many cases already with the strikers.

LATER.

Contrary to Mr. Brooley's claim, it is stated at the offices of the Railway Managers that the vast majority of the N.U.R. drivers and firemen are loyal to the union. A few men here and there struck in sympathy with Mr. Brooley's union, but most of the N.U.R. men reported for work this morning and more are expected this evening.

THE RUHR.

LONDON, January 21.

Karl Kaue yesterday called on M. Poincaré. It is understood that he conveyed the British Government's protest, and requested an explanation of the Rhineland regime's action, with respect to which London newspaper diplomatic correspondents comment warmly, and anticipate another Anglo-French crisis. They declare such action to be a reprisal for Great Britain's refusal to hand over the Cologne railway to the regime.

SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE TOWN, January 20.

The new Governor-General, the Earl of Athlone, and Princess Alice (the Countess of Athlone) were magnificently welcomed on their arrival aboard the "Windsor Castle".

The city was gaily bedecked and docks and shipping were bright with bunting.

The landing was made in brilliant sunshine. Large crowds assembled at the docks.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 20.

The U.S.S. "Richmond" has arrived at Vera Cruz. The presence of the "Richmond" is intended to serve as a warning that Mexican Rebels must not interfere with American vessels in the attempted blockade of Tampico.

ANGLO-AMERICAN GOLF.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.

The English professional golfers, Havers and Ockendon, defeated the Americans, Sarazen (professional) and John Blake (amateur), one hole up over a course of thirty-six holes.

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The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 6 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on this tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard, add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 19 to 25, 1924.

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22	h	4.2	28	h	4.2
23	m	4.2	29	m	4.2
24	s	4.2	30	s	4.2
25	h	4.2	31	h	4.2
26	m	4.2	32	m	4.2
27	s	4.2	33	s	4.2
28	h	4.2	34	h	4.2
29	m	4.2	35	m	4.2
30	s	4.2	36	s	4.2
31	h	4.2	37	h	4.2
32	m	4.2	38	m	4.2
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36	s	4.2	42	s	4.2
37	h	4.2	43	h	4.2
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70	h	4.2	76	h	4.2
71	m	4.2	77	m	4.2
72	s	4.2	78	s	4.2
73	h	4.2	79	h	4.2
74	m	4.2	80	m	4.2
75	s	4.2	81	s	4.2
76	h	4.2	82	h	4.2
77	m	4.2	83	m	4.2
78	s	4.2	84	s	4.2
79	h	4.2	85	h	4.2
80	m	4.2	86	m	4.2
81	s	4.2	87	s	4.2
82	h	4.2	88	h	4.2
83	m	4.2	89	m	4.2
84	s	4.2	90	s	4.2
85	h	4.2	91	h	4.2

